

Remarks by the Honorable Sean O'Keefe
NASA Administrator
National University of Honduras Astronomy Night
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I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the National University of Honduras for hosting me at your astronomy night and for allowing me the privilege of looking through your space telescope. This is a spectacular instrument. You should be very proud of your role in helping your visitors get an up close view of our beautiful, vast creation.

I am very happy to see so many young people take advantage of your telescope. They represent the next generation of explorers. I like to tell young people that they are explorers when they take a long hike on a path they have never traveled on before, or examine huge stars in a telescope.

Tonight is a very good night to look through this telescope at the Moon, and to see where our astronauts collected the moon rock that is now on display in your Children's Museum. It is also a good night to look out to Mars, and for all of us to imagine what it will be like when a human explorer gets the opportunity to explore our neighboring planet in space.

Thank you again for allowing me to participate in this special evening and for your wonderful hospitality.